

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY MANAMA BAHRAIN

TO SECSTATE WASHINGTON DC PRIORITY 1869

INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI UAE PRIORITY

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AMEMBASSY JIDDA SAUDI ARABIA

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT KUWAIT

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS : BBIS, BA, US

SUBJECT : TAKEOVER OF RTV BY BAHRAIN GOVERNMENT

REF : MANAMA 120

1. FEB 10 GOB OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT IT HAD AGREED TO BUY (RTV) TELEVISION STATION. NO FURTHER DETAILS OF THE AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED.

2. FEB 11 ARTHUR LIPPER, PRESIDENT AND PRINCIPAL STOCKHOLDER OF ARTHUR LIPPER CORP. CONTACTED EMBASSY RE AMOUNT OWED TO HIS CORPORATION REPORTEDLY AS RESULT OF DEFAULT IN ABC OBLIGATIONS TO RIFBANK OF LEBANON. LIPPER SAYS HIS CORPORATION HAD AGREED TO BACK THIS LOAN IN RETURN FOR 7 PERCENT OF ADVERTISING GROSS AND HAS RECEIVED CHECKS IN PAST.

3. LIPPER STATED HIS PURPOSE IN BAHRAIN WAS TO ESTABLISH THAT A US PRESENCE EXISTED AS OF THE DATE OF DEFAULT (JAN 19) AND THAT IF ANY CONSIDERATION BEING OFFERED TO  
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ABC BY GOB, THAT IT BE PLACED IN ESCROW UNTIL COMPETENT

COURT DECIDES WHO SHOULD RECEIVE THIS MONEY.

4. LIPPER IS TO SEE RTV LIQUIDATOR (DEREK FLETCHER OF  
WHINNEY MURRAY AND CO. FEB 11. FYI: FLETCHER, WHO  
HAS BEEN WORKING ON ACCOUNTS FOR OVER ONE WEEK KNEW  
NOTHING OF INVOLVEMENT OF LIPPER CORP. OR ISSUANCE OF  
CHECKS TO LIPPER.  
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